



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 956***

LCO No. 3231



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL  
ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE  
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH  
STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) Each individual health  
2      insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3      subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4      statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
5      continued in this state shall provide coverage for the diagnosis and  
6      treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder  
7      associated with streptococcal infections.

8      Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) Each group health insurance  
9      policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
10     (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
11     issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall  
12     provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric  
13     autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal  
14     infections.

15       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Department of Public  
 16 Health shall develop programs to educate the relevant medical  
 17 community and the general public and promote research on pediatric  
 18 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal  
 19 infections. Such programs shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
 20 Clinical awareness programs for physicians and informational  
 21 outreach programs for teachers and the general public; (2)  
 22 epidemiological studies of pediatric neuropsychiatric disorder  
 23 associated with streptococcal infections within this state; (3) the  
 24 establishment of a panel consisting of experts in the clinical and  
 25 research communities in the diagnosis, care and treatment of pediatric  
 26 neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections to  
 27 assist with the development of practice guidelines for such diagnosis,  
 28 care and treatment in this state; and (4) the establishment of a state  
 29 liaison to develop science-based guidelines for the diagnosis, care and  
 30 treatment of pediatric neuropsychiatric disorder associated with  
 31 streptococcal infections with the National Institute of Mental Health  
 32 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

***INS***       *Joint Favorable*